

term of office of W. C. Beamon shall be for two years, from the date of their qualification and organization under this act and until their successors shall be elected and duly qualified; that immediately after the ratification of this act the three members aforesaid shall meet in Gatesville in said county, and organize by electing one of their number as chairman of the board and one of their number as secretary of the board; that the said members of the said board shall serve without compensation, except as hereinafter provided; that after the expiration of their respective terms of office, or if a vacancy on said board should occur, by reason of the death or resignation of any member, the remaining members of the board shall elect some well qualified elector of the said township, by and with the consent of the board of county commissioners to fill the vacancy. Each member of the board shall take and subscribe an oath before the clerk of the Superior Court of Gates County for the faithful performance of his duties as a member of the said board. The secretary of the said board shall make and keep a record of all the proceedings of the said board in a book specially provided for that purpose, and shall make and file with the register of deeds of Gates County an annual statement showing such proceedings, a financial statement to be made by the secretary and posted at three public places in Holly Grove Township, showing all receipts and disbursements for each year.

SEC. 3. That the said board of road commissioners of Holly Grove Township in Gates County, and its successors in office be and it is hereby constituted a body corporate under and by virtue of the laws of North Carolina and by this act and under the name and style of "Highway Commission of Holly Grove Township," and in that name may sue and be sued, make contracts, and exercise such other rights and powers as are incident to other municipal corporations of like nature, such as the condemnation of lands for the construction, widening, and changing of any roads in said township, and to carry out all the provisions of this act; and in the event the said board shall deem it necessary to condemn any lands for the purpose aforesaid, it shall adopt the same method of procedure as now obtains.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the said highway commission to take charge of the working, repairing, maintaining, altering, and constructing of any and all roads in Holly Grove Township now maintaining as public roads, and it is hereby vested with all the powers, rights, and authority now vested in the board of commissioners of Gates County for Holly Grove Township, of any other or others acting under any law or laws for the general supervision of the roads of said township, and for the construction and repair thereof; and the said highway commission of Holly Grove Township is hereby authorized and empowered in

Commission to
organize and elect
officers.

Remaining mem-
bers to fill
vacancies on
board.

Members to take
oath

Secretary to keep
records.

To file statement
with register of
deeds.

To post statement.

Commissioners a
body corporate.

Name and powers
prescribed.

To take charge of
all roads.

Vested with powers
of county com-
missioners as to
Holly Grove
Township.